

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-15 are pending in the application. The Office action indicates that these claims are allowable.

The applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s).

The applicant thanks the Examiner for providing information about recommended section headings. However, the applicant respectfully declines to add the headings. Section headings are not statutorily required for filing a non-provisional patent application under 35 USC 111(a), but are only guidelines that are suggested for applicant's use. (See Miscellaneous Changes in Patent Practice, Response to comments 17 and 18 (Official Gazette, August 13, 1996) [Docket No: 950620162-6014-02] RIN 0651-AA75 ("Section 1.77 is permissive rather than mandatory. ... [T]he Office will not require any application to comply with the format set forth in 1.77").

The Office action objects to the Abstract for not being on a separate sheet. The applicant respectfully notes that the Abstract had been submitted on a separate sheet when it was filed as a PCT application. The published U.S. application (2005/0237937) clearly indicates that the Abstract was received at the USPTO. The applicant has no control over the manner in which the International Office provides the application to the National offices. However, in the interest of advancing allowance of this case, an amended Abstract is included herein on a separate sheet.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) of record, and find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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